

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 2 and 5, without prejudice; and amend claims 1 and 3 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A pneumatic tire provided with comprising:
a plurality of circumferential grooves ~~groove~~ extending in a tire circumferential direction in a tread surface, comprising: having a width and a circumferential center;
a plurality of lateral grooves extending from the circumferential grooves away from the circumferential center of the tread surface, the lateral grooves being open at their distal ends from the circumferential center of the tread surface and provided intermittently in the tire circumferential direction; and
line portions provided in a wall face of the ~~groove~~ circumferential grooves, the line portions being composed of a plurality of ridges or recesses that are inclined in one direction from approximately 10° to 60° with respect to a groove longitudinal direction, along a plane substantially parallel to the tread surface;
wherein the line portions are provided in a range of not less than 50% of the wall face of the longitudinal grooves in a cross section of the longitudinal grooves orthogonal to the groove longitudinal direction.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently Amended) The pneumatic tire according to claim 1,

wherein a height of the line portions is not smaller than 0.3 mm and is not more than 20% of
each of a width and depth of the groove-circumferential grooves.

4. (Previously Presented) The pneumatic tire according to claim 1,

wherein a pitch interval of the line portions is 1.5 to 8.0 mm.

5. (Cancelled)